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Request for Approval No. 1

To: Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9280

Re: Agreement Dated March 22, 1996 Between SHMS and
Ameritech Illinois

Ameritech Illinois hereby files the attached agreement dated March 22, 1996 and addendum dated April 30, 1996, (the Agreement) between Ameritech Illinois and Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems, Inc. d/b/a/ Cellular One-Chicago (SHMS), for review and approval by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996) (to be codified at 47 U.S.C. 151, et seq.), Section 252(e) (the Act). This filing is made pursuant to the Act.

Ameritech Illinois respectfully requests Commission action approving the Agreement in accordance with the Act.

The Agreement has been arrived at through negotiations between the parties as contemplated by Section 252(a) of the Act and addresses interconnection of services provided pursuant to Section 251.

As contemplated by Section 252(e)(2)(A), the Agreement does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier not a party to the Agreement, and the implementation of the Agreement will not be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. In further support of its submission, Ameritech Illinois provides the attached statement in support of its request for approval.

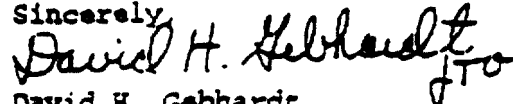
In accordance with Section 252(u)(4) of the Act, the Agreement will be deemed approved if the Commission does not act to approve or reject the Agreement within 90 days from the date of this submission.

Copies of the agreement are available for public inspection in Ameritech Illinois' public offices.

Ameritech Illinois respectfully requests that the Commission approve the agreement on or before July 1, 1996.

Please acknowledge receipt by returning the extra copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David H. Gebhardt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

David H. Gebhardt
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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

The attached agreement and addendum between Illinois Bell Telephone Company ("Ameritech Illinois") and Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems, Inc. d/b/a/ Cellular One-Chicago ("SBMS") was arrived at through voluntary negotiations between the parties. Accordingly, Ameritech Illinois is requesting approval pursuant to Section 252(a)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Under Sections 252(e)(1) and (2), the Commission must approve the agreement unless the agreement or a portion thereof "... discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement" or "... implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity". Such agreements do not have to comply with the standards set forth in Sections 251(b) and (c), thus rendering inapplicable the pricing standards set forth in Section 252(d).

The attached agreement is not discriminatory. Ameritech Illinois will make these arrangements available to any commercial mobile radio service providers operating in Illinois within Ameritech Illinois' service territory on the same terms and conditions.

The attached agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. It establishes an appropriate mutual compensation arrangement between Ameritech Illinois and SBMS for the completion of intramsa traffic.

In Docket 95-185, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") recently indicated that such negotiated arrangements are to be encouraged, in view of the status of cellular carriers in the provisioning of local exchange services.¹

This agreement provides for a transition to interconnection rates which the Commission approved for new local exchange companies ("LECs") in the Customers First proceeding over a three year period. Ameritech Illinois will be filing revised tariffs at the intervals specified in this agreement. In the event that the interconnection rates for the new LECs change in the future, the agreement provides that these new rates will be charged to SBMS in lieu of those specified in the agreement.

The rates set forth in the agreement are reasonable and compensatory. No new rate elements are being introduced as a result of the changes specified in this agreement, but existing schedules are being restructured. The rates to be charged to SBMS are lower than what currently apply in Ameritech Illinois' Type 2 interconnection tariff (Ill. C.C. No. 16). A tariff implementing the first step of the transition was filed as Advice No. 5147 on March 29, 1996, to be effective July 1, 1996.

¹ In the Matter of Interconnection Between Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers, CC Docket No. 95-185, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, rel. January 11, 1996, at 43 (9 90). The FCC specifically held that "[i]f LECs and CMRS providers were to negotiate interconnection arrangements ..., the public interest would be served while avoiding the need for intervention." *Id.*